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SUBJECT: AMERICAN STUDIES CENTER

REF: DEPARTMENT'S 20041 TO WARSAW

1. THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WARSAW AND INDIANA UNIVERSITY SHOULD BE SHARED WITH GEORGE WILSON AND BERNARD SHEEHAN OF INDIANA WHO ARRIVE WARSAW SEPTEMBER 14. WHILE NEITHER DEPARTMENT NOR EMBASSY WILL BE A PARTY TO THE AGREEMENT, WE DO HAVE MAJOR INTEREST IN ENSURING THE SUCCESS OF THE PROPOSED AMERICAN STUDIES CENTER, AND USG WILL BEAR A MAJOR SHARE OF THE COSTS. FOR THIS REASON WE BELIEVE THAT WILSON SHOULD NOT SIGN AGREEMENT UNTIL BOTH INDIANA AND DEPARTMENT HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY FOR FULL DISCUSSION OF THEIR FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS UNDER THE AGREEMENT.

2. PARA 1 OF INDIANA DRAFT REFERS TO US-POLISH "CULTURAL AGREEMENT CONCLUDED IN 1972". THIS APPARENTLY REFERS TO JOINT US-POLISH COMMUNIQUE SIGNED AND ISSUED IN WARSAW JUNE 1, 1972. DEPARTMENT WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO REFERENCE BEING MADE TO COMMUNIQUE WHICH DOES PROVIDE FOR INSTITUTIONAL CONTACTS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

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3. PARA 2 PROVIDES THAT "INDIANA UNIVERSITY WILL PROVIDE FACULTY MEMBERS' TO STAFF THE CENTER. DEPARTMENT WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THIS LANGUAGE. INDIANA IS PROVIDING FACULTY MEMBERS, FROM ITS OWN UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. IN DISCUSSIONS AT DEPARTMENT WILSON ALSO NOTED THAT INDIANA MIGHT DRAW ON FACULTY MEMBERS FROM THE MID-WEST CONSORTIUM OF UNIVERSITIES OF WHICH INDIANA IS MEMBER. WE WOULD WISH TO DISCUSS THIS WITH WILSON AFTER HIS RETURN TO US, IN PARTICULAR WITH REGARD TO POSSIBILITIES OF SELECTING SOME FUTURE FACULTY MEMBERS FROM A BROADER ACADEMIC BASE, IN LINE WITH DEPARTMENT'S CURRENT PRACTICE UNDER BOARD OF FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIPS RECOMMENDATIONS. IN PROVIDING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR CENTER'S FACULTY MEMBERS DEPARTMENT AND INDIANA SHOULD CONSIDER RELATIVE ADVANTAGES OF (A) PROVIDING CU GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS SELECTED, OR (B) PROVIDING DIRECT GRANT TO INDIANA WHICH WOULD IN TURN PROVIDE STIPENDS TO SELECTED FACULTY.

4. PARA 6 OF DRAFT PERMITS INDIANA TO SEEK TO APPOINT SCHOLARS FROM WARSAW FOR TEACHING AND RESEARCH POSITIONS AT INDIANA, "IRRESPECTIVE OF ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES". WE BELIEVE IT PREFERABLE TO AVOID ANY SUCH COMMITMENT IN AGREEMENT, UNLESS INDIANA IS PREPARED TO PAY ALL COSTS OF SUCH STIPENDS TO POLISH SCHOLARS AT INDIANA. SINCE POLES UNDERSTANDABLY MAY PRESS FOR SOME SUCH PROVISION IN AGREEMENT, WE WOULD PREFER THAT ANY COMMITMENT BE COUCHED IN NON-SPECIFIC LANGUAGE AND THAT DEPARTMENT BE CONSULTED BY

TELEGRAM BEFORE ANY SPECIFIC COMMITMENT IS MADE WHICH CU/EE WOULD BE EXPECTED TO FUND. IN ANY SUCH ARRANGEMENTS WE WOULD HOPE FOR COST-SHARING ARRANGEMENT WITH INDIANA.

5. PARA 7 OF DRAFT PROVIDES FOR AGREEMENT TO REMAIN IN FORCE FOR FIVE YEARS. WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO FIVE YEARS BUT WILSON SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT DEPARTMENT CANNOT GUARANTEE FUNDS FOR FIVE YEARS DUE TO BUDGETARY PROCESS.

WE SUGGEST THEREFORE THAT LANGUAGE, "SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS" BE INSERTED SOMEWHERE IN THIS PARALIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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6. SINCE POLES CAN BE EXPECTED TO PROPOSE ADDITIONAL TERMS FOR INCLUSION IN AGREEMENT, REQUEST EMBASSY CONSULT WITH DEPARTMENT AND USIA AS APPROPRIATE. IF TELEGRAMS SLUGGED PRIORITY OR IMMEDIATE, WE CAN GUARANTEE RESPONSE PRIOR TO START OF FOLLOWING DAY'S NEGOTIATING SESSION. KISSINGER

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